

cancies in the house of delegates: And in the progress of the second reading thereof,

On motion by Mr. Wright of Dorchester, the first section of the bill was amended, by striking therefrom, the words inserted on the 13th instant, as an amendment, viz. "or the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis," after the words, "in this state," in the 4th line;

On motion by Mr. Done the said section was further amended by striking out the words, "or resignation," after the words, "by death," in the 4th line; and by inserting the words, "between the day of election and the sitting of the legislature," immediately after the words last quoted.

On motion by Mr. Burchenal, the said section was further amended, by the insertion, after the word, "sheriff," in the 4th line, of these words, "or in his absence one any of the coroners."

On motion by Mr. Done, the said bill was then recommended to the committee that reported it, for the purpose of amendment.

A message was received from the senate, by their clerk, which was delivered in at the Speaker's desk.

According to the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill, reported by Mr. Millis, entitled, An act to suppress duelling.

And in the progress of the second reading thereof,

Mr. Gantt moved that the further consideration of said bill be referred to the fourth day of July next.

And on the question, Will the house agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Blakistone proposed to amend said bill, by striking out the preamble thereof, which is contained in the following words:

"Whereas, experience has evinced that the existing remedy for the suppression of the barbarous custom of duelling is inadequate to the purpose, and the progress and consequences of the evil have become so destructive as to require an effort on the part of the legislature, to arrest a vice the result of ignorance and barbarism, justified neither by the precepts of morality nor by the dictates of reason; Therefore,"

And the question thereon being put,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Phelps moved to amend the preamble by striking out from the 4th line thereof, these words, "ignorance and."

And the question thereon being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Gantt, the first section of the bill was amended by striking out the word "eighteen," in the ninth